

III. Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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1. (Currently Amended) A utility portal frame ~~including~~ comprising:
a base plate having an aperture to provide a portal entrance and an outer peripheral edge, and
at least one side wall dependent from the base plate, the at least one side wall extending
substantially orthogonally relative to the base plate from ~~an~~ the outer peripheral edge ~~of the base plate~~.
2. (Original) A frame according to claim 1 adapted in use to allow the frame to be raised from a
first position to a second position substantially without disturbance to material surrounding the at least
one side wall.
3. (Currently Amended) A frame according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the frame is adapted to
support a cover and the at least one side wall extends substantially upwardly from the base plate to such a
height so as to substantially align with an upper surface of the cover when the cover is engaged with the
frame.
4. (Currently Amended) A frame according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the base plate
has a shape selected from round and oval ~~side extends substantially orthogonally from the outer edges of~~
~~a round or oval base plate~~.
5. (Currently Amended) A frame according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein
the base plate has a shape selected from polygonal and triangular ~~or each side extends substantially~~
~~orthogonally from the outer edges of polygonal or triangular base plate~~.
6. (Currently Amended) A frame according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein
the frame is made from a substantially rigid or firm material.
7. (Currently Amended) A frame according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein
the frame is provided in a configuration selected from substantially rectangular, square ~~or~~ and triangular
configuration.

8. (Currently Amended) A utility portal, ~~including~~ comprising:
a frame, ~~which comprises including~~ a base plate having an outer peripheral edge, and at least one wall, which at least one wall extends substantially orthogonally from ~~an~~ the outer peripheral edge ~~or edges of the base plate~~;
a cover engageable with the frame;
wherein ~~said frame can in use~~ the frame is operable to be raised from a first position substantially below a new surface plane to a second position to align with the new surface plane substantially without disturbance to an existing surface adjacent to the frame.
9. (Original) A portal according to claim 8, wherein the frame includes an aperture of a size to allow a human to substantially pass through the frame.
10. (Currently Amended) A portal according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the frame is provided in a configuration selected from substantially round, ~~or~~ oval, rectangular, square ~~or~~ and triangular configuration.
11. (Currently Amended) A portal according to claim 8, ~~any one of claims 8 to 10~~ wherein the ~~or each side extends substantially orthogonally from outer edges of base plate~~ has a shape selected from round or and oval base plate.
12. (Currently Amended) A method of raising a utility portal frame from a first position to a second position comprising:
engaging a jack in a jack point provided in a base plate of a frame secured to a mounting surface at the first position; and
operating the jack to raise the frame from the first position to the second position, wherein at least one having a base plate and a wall dependent from the base plate and extending substantially orthogonally relative to the base plate ~~relative to an existing material surrounding the frame, the method including the steps of lifting the frame such that the wall slides upwardly relative to the surrounding material surrounding the frame~~ without substantially disturbing the surrounding material.
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